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Dear Sir:

APPEAL BRIEF

This Brief is submitted in connection with the decision of the Primary Examiner set forth in the Official Action dated June 8, 2004 (Paper No. 13), finally rejecting claims 1-15 and 17-24, which are all of the pending claims in this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §41.20(b)(2) that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1379.

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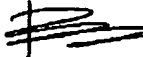
does not through connect through to the second end but instead signals to the second end that a call is offered as a waiting call. A waiting call cannot be used for the transfer of information as speech or data unless it is accepted and converted into an "active call." In contrast, a parallel call is a call that is through connected end-to-end and can be used for the transmission of information by a telecommunication service.

Thus, Hietalahti does not anticipate claim 1 because Hietalahti does not allow parallel call capability. For instance, claim 1 states "deciding whether to set up the additional call in parallel, to set up the additional call by choosing one call to be put on hold and by using a bearer associated with the one call put on hold to service the additional call, or to reject a set up of the additional call." In contrast, Hietalahti cannot decide whether to set up the additional call in parallel because that is beyond the capacity of the system described in Hietalahti. Thus, Hietalahti also does not describe parallel or multi-call capability.

One or more of the recited features of claim 1, therefore, are not disclosed in Hietalahti '937. The withdrawal of the rejection under § 102 for claim 1 is respectfully requested.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-15, 17-25 be allowed. A prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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